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SUBJ: W/W MARGARET ROGERS OWENS

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1. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN NOW DR. IVONE MEDEIROS DE AMARAL, DIRECTOR OF LAGOS HOSPITAL. SHE IS PREPARING FORMAL MEDICAL SUMMARY, WHICH WILL REPORT THAT MRS. OWENS SUFFERING FROM /COMPLETE SENILITY: GENERAL TIREDNESS, SENILE PHYCHOSIS, AND NEUROPATHY." BOTH DR. AMARAL AND TWA FEEL THAT MRS. OWENS NEEDS MEDICALLY QUALIFIED ESCORT FOR TRAVEL; ENGLISH SPEAKING NURSE AT HOSPITAL WILLING TO SO ACT. HOSPITALIZATION REQUIRED ON ARRIVAL.

2. FS-588 SHOWS PAT JOYCE OF SHERBURNE, NEW YORK, TO HAVE ONCE BEEN GER LAWYER, BUT A LETTER RECEIVED FROM MRS. OWNES IN 1970 INDICATES THAT SHE HAS BROKEN WITH HIM. MRS. WELLINGTON POWELL OF COOPERS TOWN, N.Y. REQUESTED OWENS' ADDRESS IN 1965. NO ONE KNOWS OF ANY OTHER FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN U.S.

3. MRS. OWENS IS ALSO ALONE IN PORTUGAL. HER HUSBAND, TEMPLE HULBERT OWENS OF INDIANA, DIED MANY YEARS AGO. SHE HAS A FEW ACQUAINTANCES HERE, BUT NO FRIENDS WILLING TO RECEIVE HER POWER OF ATTORNEY OR TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER PROPERTY. PROPERTY SAID TO CONSIST OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, INCLUDING SOME ITEMS OF MODEST VALUE AS ANTIQUES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE CONCERNING EXTENT

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UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. A WILL LEAVES ARTICLES TO
VARIOUS ACQUAINTANCES IN LAGOS. THERE WOULD BE NO
POINT IN FORWARDING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS TO U.S.
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